

Nigerian children and youths have been urged to work hard to pursue their dreams and ambition in order to get to the peak of their chosen careers.

The Senior Special Assistant Strategy and Communication, office of the Speaker, House of Representatives, Hajia Aisha Pategi made this call while mentoring primary 6 pupils of LEA Primary School, Byazhin, Kubwa, Abuja at a forum organised by Inspire Young Africans (IYA), a subsidiary of Next Generation Summit.

Pategi who took the pupils through a talk on career choice, urged them to always ascertain their reasons for choosing any career they choose in life. "You don't just say you want to become a Medical Doctor, you must know why you want to become what you want in life, because that will keep you fo-



Scene of an accident near Wuse Market on Abuja Express Way yesterday. PHOTO BY REMI AKUNLEYAN

ABU, ASUU Mourn Death Of Lecturers In Auto Crash

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The Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) and the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) ABU chapter has mourned the death of its lecturers who died in a ghastly auto accident on their way from Abuja to Zaria after featuring in an AIT programme in Abuja.

The names of the lecturers who are from the Department of Theatre and Performing Arts of the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria were given as Professor Samuel Kafewo, Dr Martins Ayegba, Nana Aisha Ali and a yet to be identified

person believed to be a post graduate student were involved in the auto crash along the Kaduna/Abuja highway.

Another occupant of the vehicle and a lecturer with the same department, Prof Jenkins and another PG student are said to have sustained serious injuries and currently on admission at the National Hospital, Abuja.

Director of Information of the University, Dr Ismaila Shehu who confirmed the incident on Sunday said that the corpse of one of the casualties was yet to be identified.

Dr Shehu described the incident as shocking and unbeliev-

able saying "we are still in shock. We don't have the details yet, but I can tell you that we lost Kafewo and Dr Martin. Prof. Jenkins is seriously injured and is in hospital".

The lecturers have been working with the McArthur Foundation to build a Centre of Excellence for Development Communication in the university which was recently commissioned by the wife of the Vice President Hajia Amina Namadi Sambo, he said.

Also reacting to the development, Chairman of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) ABU chapter, Prof. Kabir Aliyu described the lecturers as

committed academics and colleagues who have worked so hard to improve the standard of learning in the university.

Prof. Aliyu said "we are shocked by this unfortunate development. They are committed academics and had gone for a programme aimed at improving their department. All of them, including the injured are from the same department.

"Two of our PG students were also involved. One of them died and the other is critically injured. We pray for the repose of the soul of those that died and quick recovery for those who are injured".